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AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Indirect Medical Education (IME) and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 412.105; Direct Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Supporting Regulations at 412 CFR 413.75 through 83; Use: Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires additional payments to be made under the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) for the indirect medical educational costs a hospital incurs in connection with interns and residents (IRs) in approved teaching programs. In addition, Title 42, Part 413, sections 75

through 83 implement section 1886(d) of the Act by establishing the methodology for Medicare payment of the cost of direct graduate medical educational activities. These payments, which are adjustments (add-ons) to other payments made to a hospital under the PPS, are largely determined by the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) IRs that work at a hospital during its cost reporting period. In Federal fiscal year (FY) 2011, the estimated Medicare program payments for indirect medical education (IME) costs amounted to \$6.59 billion. Medicare program payments for direct graduate medical education (GME) are also based upon the number of FTE-IRs that work at a hospital. In FY 2011, the estimated Medicare program payments for GME costs amounted to \$2.57 billion. Form Number: CMS-R-64 (OCN: 0938-0456); Frequency: Reporting – Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector – Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 1,075; Total Annual Responses: 1075; Total Annual Hours: 2,150. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Milton Jacobson at 410-786-7553. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Social Security Office (SSO) Report of State Buy-in Problem; Use: Under Section 1843 of the Social Security Act, States may enter into an agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services to enroll eligible individuals in Medicare and pay their premiums. The purpose of the State Buy-in' program is to assure that Medicaid is the payer of last resort by permitting a State to provide Medicare protection to certain groups of needy individuals, as part of the State's total assistance plan. State Buy-in also has the effect of transferring some medical costs for this population from the Medicaid program, which is partially State funded to the Medicare program, which is funded by the federal

government and individual premiums. Generally, the States Buy-in for individuals who meet the eligibility requirements for Medicare and are cash recipients or deemed cash recipients or categorically needy under Medicaid. In some cases, States may also include individuals who are not cash assistance recipients under the Medical Assistance Only group. The day-to-day operations of the State Buy-in program is accomplished through an automated data exchange process. The automated data exchange process is used to exchange Medicare and Buy-in entitlement information between the Social Security District Offices, Medicaid State Agencies and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. When problems arise however that cannot be resolved through the normal data exchange process, clerical actions are required. The CMS-1957, “SSO Report of State Buy-In Problem” is used to report Buy-in problems cases. The CMS-1957 is the only standardized form available for communications between the aforementioned agencies for the resolution of beneficiary complaints and inquiries regarding State Buy-in eligibility. Form Number: CMS-1957 (OCN: 0938-0035); Frequency: Reporting – Annually; Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Number of Respondents: 3,802; Total Annual Responses: 3,802; Total Annual Hours: 1,266. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lucia Diaz-Robinson at 410-247-6843. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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1. **Electronically**. You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. **By regular mail**. You may mail written comments to the following address:

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